

Junghen Family News Bulletin

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Featuring our German Heritage

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Junghen Family Reunion 2003

Well, it's been an incredible year for us. First of all the reunion was fabulous as always. We had over 100 cousins in attendance and many from quite a distance!

The 2004 reunion will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 23, 24, and 25, 2004. Plan early! To make reservations at the Ramada Inn in Somerset, please call the hotel directly and tell them you are reserving a room for the Younkin Family Reunion to obtain the reunion rates. The Ramada phone number is: 814-443-4646. The committee is still working on plans but I wanted to get this flyer out so this will also serve as your 2004 Reunion Notice.

We hope you will be able to join us in 2004!

Junghen Family History

I came to the reunion this year with a big surprise for everyone. We now have our family back to a small town in Germany!

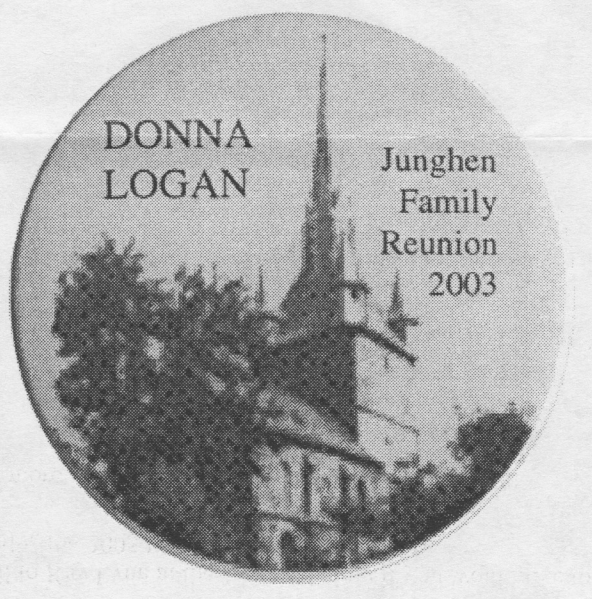
Everyone who attended the reunion received a "collectible" personalized button this year with a picture of an old church on it. Friday and Saturday the cousins came up to me as asked "what's this a picture of?" — I'd answer "oh, it's just an old church, isn't it beautiful." And they'd walk away looking at it strangely. They didn't have to wait too long for the real explanation. In the middle of our picnic Saturday I made our big surprise announcement. The picture on the button was, in fact, a photograph of the church where Johann Henrich Junghen was baptized on January 31, 1717. [Do you have goosebumps yet? - I still do!]

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As most of you know to cut back on expenses we now only send reunion notices to cousins who have attended a reunion in the past 3 years or have sent a SASE (self-addressed-stamped-envelope) or a small donation. Please mail to Kay Lynn at the address below if you would like to receive the 2005 Reunion Notice.

For more information on the reunion please contact:

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Markleton, PA 15551
Phone: 814-926-3146



2003 Reunion Button

Junghen Family History

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But let's go back in history a bit . . .

Quite some years ago our good friend Klaus Medeke helped Roger Yonkin and I send a mailing to all of the Junghen(n) families in Germany. We let them know what we had been doing with regard to research on the Junghen families in America and now would like to find their roots in Germany. Though we did not receive too many responses we did hear from a few of the Junghenn families that currently live in Germany and other areas of the world as well.

One very special response came from a family that lived near Munich in Bavaria, Hans-Wilhelm and his wife Elisabeth Junghenn, and their son Norbert Junghenn. It seems that Hans-Wilhelm had been doing research on the Junghenn families in Germany for some years. He had not, as yet, found any information that could definitely be tied to our American line.

To make a long story short, on November 25, 2002, I received an email from Hans-Wilhelm that he had just found a baptism record for our Johann Henrich Junghen at the Evangelical Lutheran church in Niederasphe, Hesse,

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Barbara Younkin Park, on a recent trip to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is behind Henrich Junghen's tombstone at Keller's Lutheran Church cemetery,

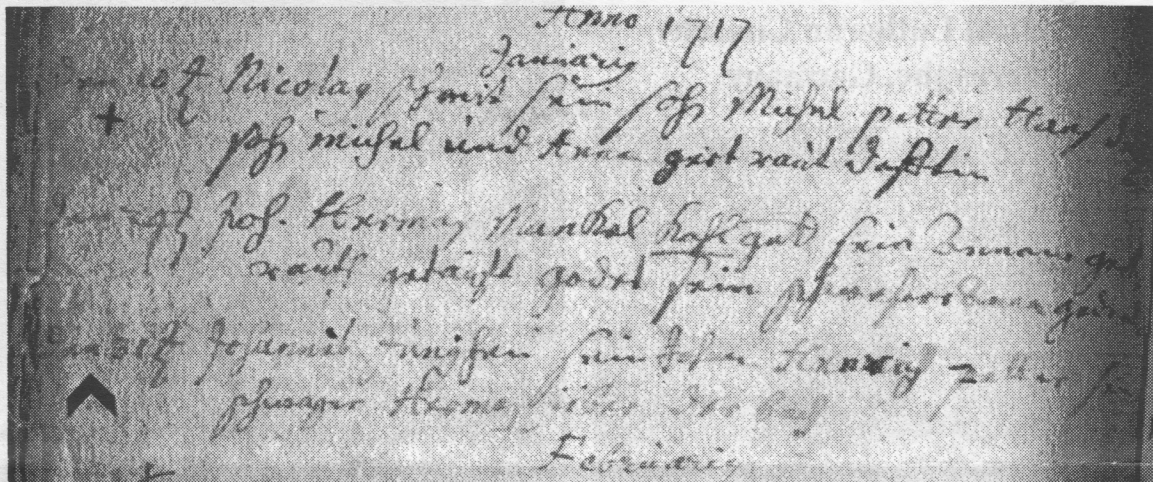


HENRICH JUNGHEN
GEBOHREN DEN 31
TEN JANUARI 1717
GESTORBEN DEN
20 FEBRUARI
1787

Henrich Junghen born the
31 January 1717 died
the 20 February 1787

Henrich Junghen's tombstone in Keller's Lutheran Church Cemetery

Henrich Junghen Baptism Record



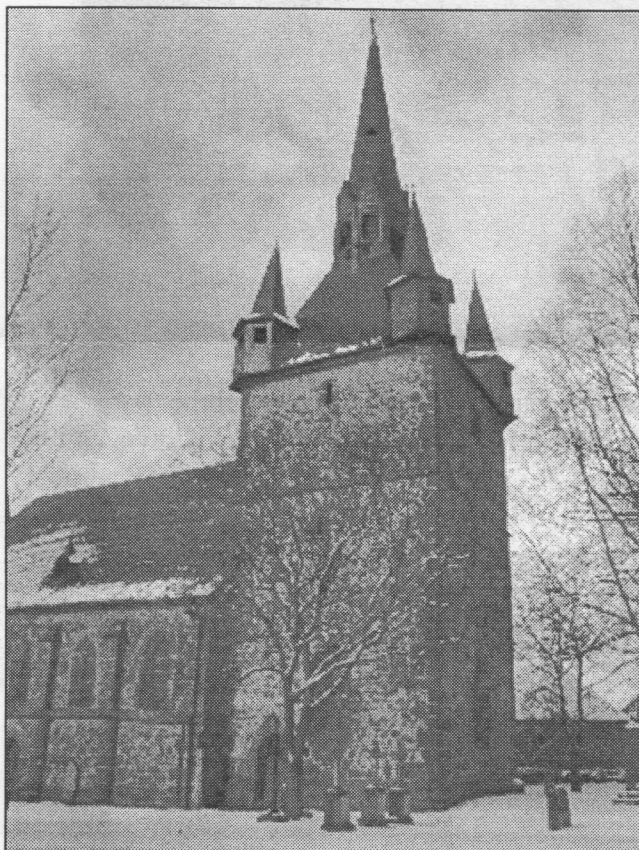
Henrich's baptism record from the church books at Evangelisch-lutherische Kirche (Evangelical Lutheran Church) Niederasphe, Germany. His entry is the third one down. The record shows Johann Henrich baptized January 31, 1717. His father is named Johannes Junghen. His godfather is his father's brother in law Herman, who lived "über dem Bach" (beyond the creek). This was a perfect match to his tombstone record!

Henrich Junghen Confirmation Record

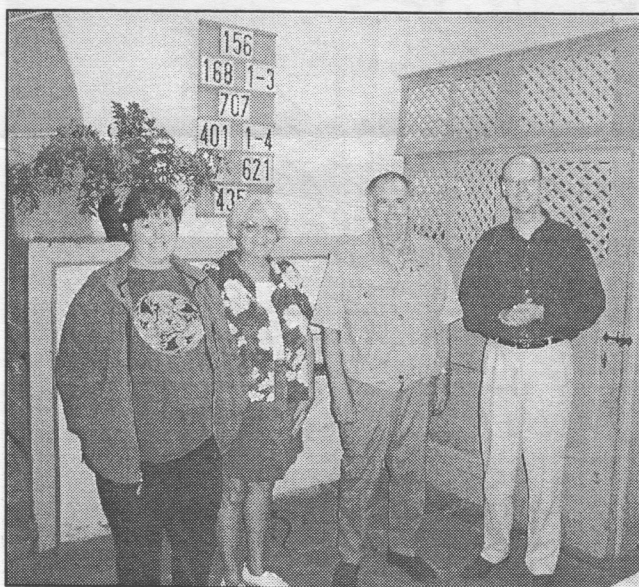


This is a copy of the confirmation record for Henrich Junghen in 1730. His name is the first listing on the left hand column.

**Evangelisch-lutherische Kirche
(Evangelical Lutheran Church)
Niederasphe, Germany**



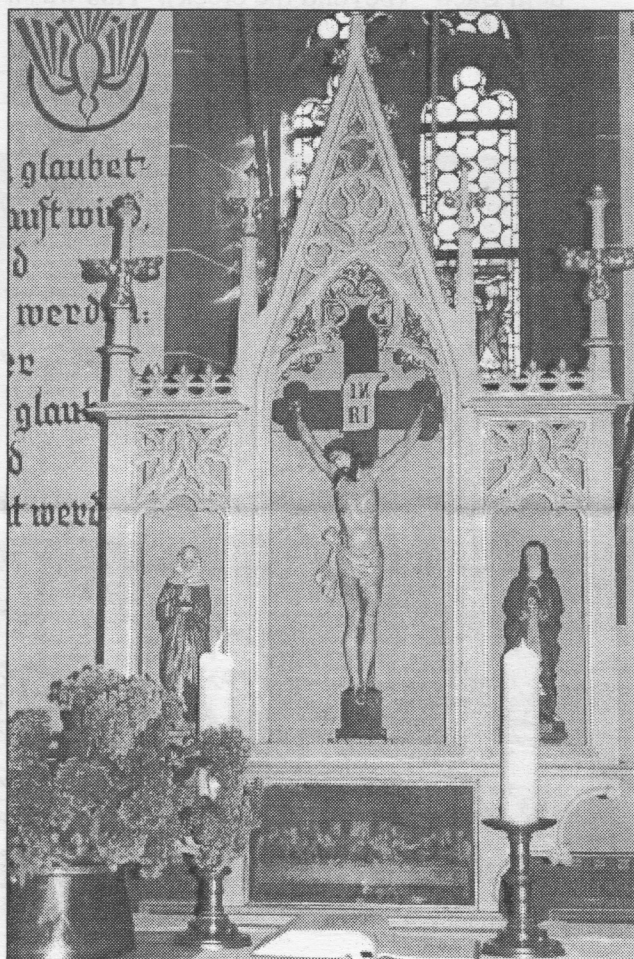
Exterior view of the church and grounds.



Inside front of the church, from left, Diana, Donna, Hans-Wilhelm Junghenn and Rev. Holger Siebert.



Exterior view of the church steeple (in the background) and we are standing in front of the church parsonage.



Church altar. The church dates back to about the 13th century.

Germany. This is in a small, rural town, about 1,000 people, in Hesse. You can imagine how elated I was after all these years!

Hans-Wilhelm was so kind to send me photographs from his trip to Niederasphe and I was able to make enlargements and take them to the reunion this year for all to share in the joy!

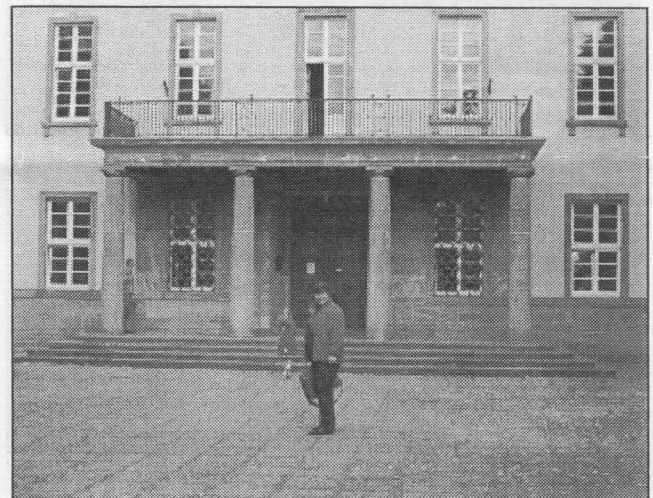
Early in 2003, I contacted the current minister for the church, Rev. Holger Siebert, and he helped us by sending photographs of the church and digital copies of the documents that pertain to our line. He even found a new and unexpected one, Henrich's confirmation record which took place in 1730.

After retuning home from the reunion I got on the phone to cousins Diana and Roger Russell in Napa California and asked, "How would you like to go to Germany?!" Diana didn't skip a beat . . . "When do we leave?" was her reply. I have never planned so quickly for a trip in my life and I am sure Diana, Roger and 9-year-old daughter Kenzie hadn't either! We boarded plans on September 15th and arrived in Frankfort the next morning. We were welcomed to Germany at the airport (at 7:30 am!) by cousin Hans-Wilhelm and Elisabeth along with their wire-haired terrier "Fritz". And off we went on our family history trip! It was an exciting and rewarding 14 days.

We spent most of the first week in Frankenberg which is about 10 miles NE of our home town of Niederasphe. Hans-Wilhelm and Elisabeth took us on a tour each day to the areas where our family had lived. We stayed out of the tourist areas/attractions during this first week and thoroughly enjoyed the warm, hometown atmosphere we encountered everywhere!

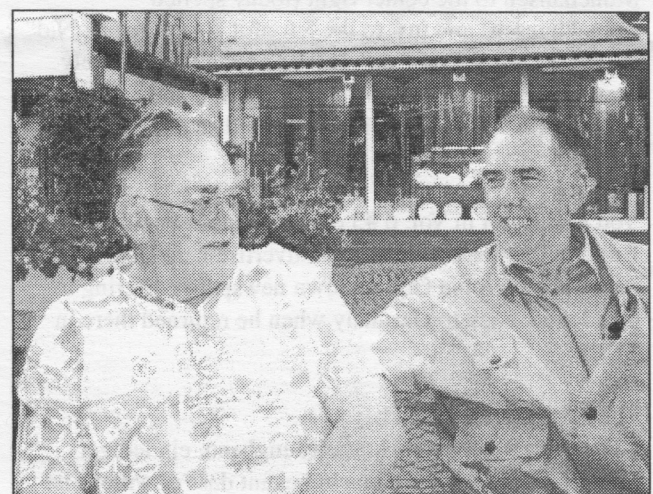


Hans-Wilhelm and Elisabeth's grandson, Heinrich Junghenn and his mother, Paulina, wife of their son Norbert, at Oktoberfest in Munich where we spent a day.

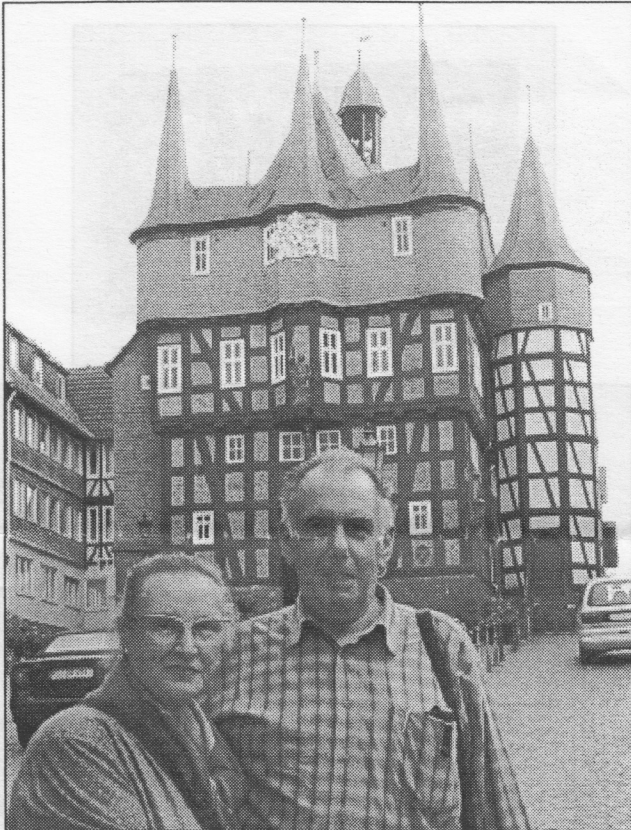


Diana and Kenzie in front of the historic Marburg Archive

We spent a full day at the Church in Niederasphe. Rev. Siebert and his wife treated us to a complete tour of the town, church, grounds and parsonage and served us a delightful lunch. And we spent another full day at the Archive at Marburg viewing and taking pictures of historic documents of our family.



Hans Wilhelm, right, and his brother Alfred Junghenn as we enjoy an afternoon coffee at a café in Frankenberg.



Hans-Wilhelm and Elisabeth in front of the "Rat House" (translates to Town Hall!) in Frankenberg.

The top map shows Niederasphe in relationship to some other larger towns in this area of Germany.

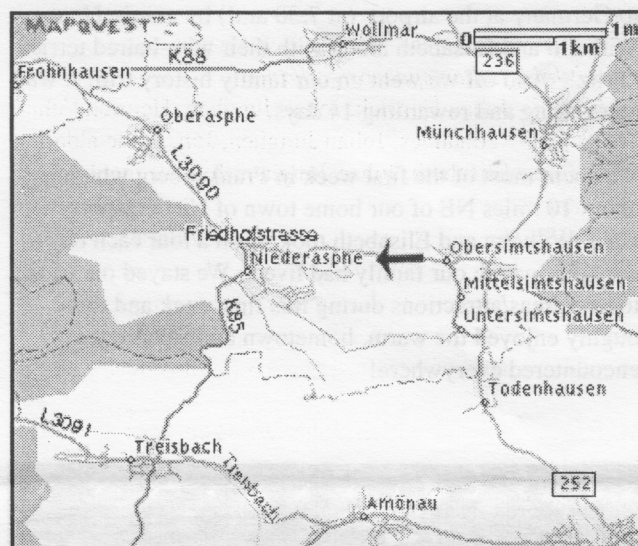
The middle map shows it in relationship to the closest larger town Münchhausen. A little farther northeast is the town of Frankenberg.

This bottom map dates back to the early 1700s and is from the David Rumsey Map Collection. You can see Münchhausen to the center right (today spelled Münchhausen) and just to the left of it is "Ob Asphe Nid" meaning Upper Asphe and Lower Asphe (very loosely translated!). This is the location of what is today called Niederasphe. The town lies on a small stream called Asphe.

You will recall in Vol. 6 #3 of the Younkin Family News Bulletin that we published the advertisement Henrich put in the Philadelphia Germantown newspaper offering to take letters back to Germany when he returned there in 1751.

The Advertisement read:

1 Oct 1751 — Johann Henrich Junghenn, ein lediger Mensch in Dinneckum, macht bekant dass er willens ist nach Deutschland zu reisen, uber Siegen ins Hessenland biss Nieder Aas...."
Here he says he will be travelling via Siegen to Hesse and Nieder Aas.



More Church Records

Based on all the new records that we have, we can now identify some of our ancestral line. But I do want to emphasize that more work will still need to be done on these records.

Our Johan Henrich was the son of Johan Junghen and his wife Elisabeth Wagner, daughter of Herman Wagner.

The church book entry for the marriage of Johan Junghen and Elisabeth Wagner reads:

1.23.1694 Johannes Junghen and Elisabeth Wagner, Herman Wagners Tochter

Translation:

23 January 1694 Johannes Junghen and Elisabeth Wagner, Herman Wagners daughter

Following are the Neiderasphe church book records for baptisms of children of Johan Junghen. [I am told that the baptism normally happened on the day of birth in those days]:

Date, child, father, sponsor/godfather

3.25.1696 - Johan Henrich, Johan Junghen, Henrich Fuhr

10.13.1700 - Johannes, Johan Junghen, Joh. in the aldern

7.15.1703 - Elisabeth, Johan Junghen, Joh. Wagners daughter

9.9.1706 - Johan Herman, Johan Junghen, Joh. Doffts son Herman

6.12.1709 - Johannes, Johan Junghen, Johannes Dersch

9.4.1712 - Johan Herman, Johan Junghen, Herman Wagner

7.14.1715 - Elisabeth, Johan Junghen, Joh. Aldern daughter

1.31.1717 - Johan Henrich, Johan Junghen, Herman beyond creek

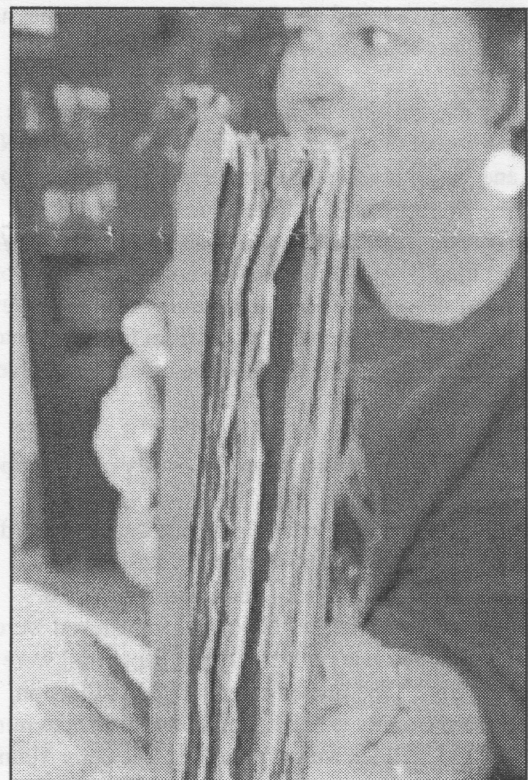
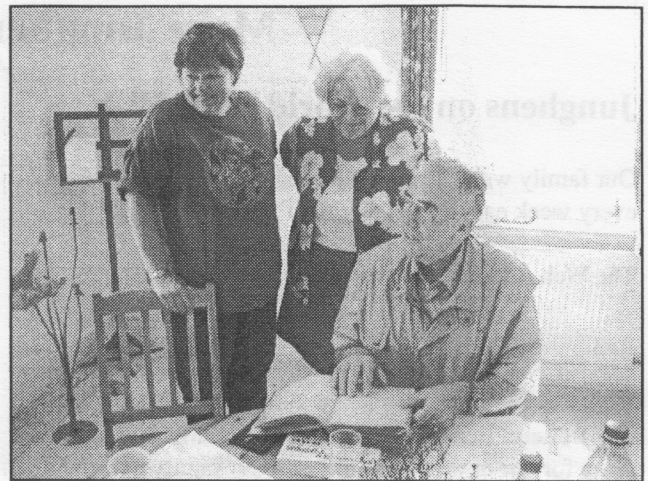
Other records from Hans-Wilhelm's research show the oldest known ancestor of the Junghen family in Neiderasphe was one Herman Junghen born about 1530 died in the summer 1603, and he was a farmer. He had two daughters and two sons. One son, Volpert or Vollbrecht is Hans-Wilhelm's line in Frankenberg. The other Weigand or Wiegand is probably our line in Neiderasphe and a neighboring village Simtshausen (less than 1 mile from Neiderasphe).

Photos

Top photograph, Diana, Donna and Hans-Wilhelm in the dining room of the parsonage looking over the church record book.

Middle photograph, binding of the church book.

Bottom photo, Diana holds the church book up for a close-up picture.



More Junghen Family News

Junghens on the World Wide Web

Our family web site continues to bring in new cousins every week eagerly seeking their family heritage.

The Web Address is:

<http://www.FamilyTrail.com/junghen>

We have recently added a new Junghen Family Community Bulletin Board for the exchange of information — a place for our new cousins to post their family questions and answers.

I sincerely hope you will take a few minutes to explore the family web site. Over the next few months we will be adding biographical materials on each of the sons of the immigrant ancestors. If you can add any details to their lives I hope you will write or email me at:

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Scientific Genetics

We have added a new aspect to the family research which I am very excited about! Genealogy by Genetics! I am sure most of you have heard about the breakthroughs that have been made in recent years on DNA studies.

My father (he gave me permission to announce this as he's so supportive of our efforts) has participated in the DNA study and his 25 marker DNA test results are posted to the web site. But one set of markers does not a study make! We REALLY NEED more participation by the cousins! Ideally we should have several participants on each line of descendants of the immigrant(s). (i.e. a few from Jacob, a few from John, a few from Frederick, etc., also from the line of Herman, and the other lines we've researched).

What do we have to gain from the Study as a group?

- 1) When a paper trail is unavailable due to poor records, these would serve to establish a line of descent.
- 2) We have a lot of Junghen (Youngkin, Youngken, Younkens, etc) lines that we have always believed were connected but because of the lack of a paper trail were unable to prove. The line of Peter Junghen of Easton, Northampton County is one example that comes to mind. Others would be lines we've found near the other Younkens

in the early census records (and the similar naming patterns for children) which are certainly indications of a relationship but DNA tests would be proof.

To give you a VERY SHORT summary of the Y-DNA testing. (Which is a very simple and easy swab of your mouth, not a blood test!). The Y-DNA test is for male descendants of any Junghen surname line. The Y-chromosome (an exact duplicate) is passed from father to son and father to son throughout history. An occasional mutation of a number does occur but it is rare). In short, a male Younkin, etc. that is born today should have an exact 12/25 markers to that of any other descendant of Henrich or (hopefully) Herman. Therefore to participate the subject would need to be a male with the surname Younkin, Youngkin, etc. So ladies your brother, father, uncle may participate but I'm afraid we can't. If you think you might be interested in participating, or might be able to encourage a male relative to, please write or email me and I can give you more information. Your privacy is very important to us and so any participant in the study will be assigned a Subject Number (without their name).

We are also hoping to establish a DONATION fund for these studies- if you like to donate towards the cost of the testing we would welcome it. Each study is around \$100 for the 12 marker test and around \$200 for the 25 marker test. We do have a few cousins that would be interested in participating but cannot financially afford the costs so that's why we are going to establish the fund.

A Group Trip To Germany?

If there is enough interest from the cousins in making a group trip to Germany I would certainly entertain the idea. If you think you might be interested in a trip to Germany send me an email or write to me and let me know what time of the year would be good and approximately how many in your family would be going. If we have a large enough group interested I will look into group travel rates for airfare and hotel accommodations. Frankenberg has some lovely old, historic hotels!

That reminds me! This was such a gorgeous area but what really struck me the most was that there is no new construction in this area of Germany. All the houses people live in are the same houses their ancestors lived in. Yet they are beautiful and unbelievably well kept homes! Their pride of community was so obvious! There wasn't one speck of dirt or debris on any street or sidewalk. You probably think I am exaggerating but I am not. It was unbelievably beautiful!